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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Appln. of: Toshio MIKIYA  
Koji MATSUMOTO

Appln. No.: 10/808,067  
Filed: March 24, 2004  
For: PIPE COUPLER

Examiner: DUNWOODY, Aaron M.  
Art Unit: 3679

Attorney Docket No: 10210/10

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

## Attached is/are:

- ☒ 2 Pages of Response to Election/Restrictions Requirement  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

## Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Small Entity.  
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).  
☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_).  
☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
Indep.		Minus			x 100=			x \$200=	
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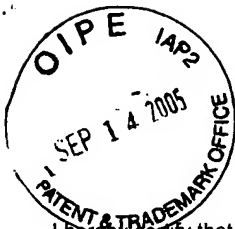
## Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.  
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.  
☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).  
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

September 12, 2005  
Date

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS REQUIREMENT**

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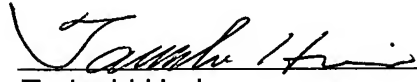
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2005, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I (Figs. 1-6) without traverse. The Examiner is advised that claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12 read on Figs. 1-6.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 12, 2005

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tadashi Horie", written over a horizontal line.

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